



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

April 6, 2021

Governor Andrew Cuomo
NYS State Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Cuomo,

We write to request information on New York State's implementation of the Emergency Rental Assistance Program. As you know, New York received \$1.3 billion in federal funding for residential rental assistance in the Consolidated Appropriations Act passed by Congress in December and will be receiving another \$1.4 billion under the American Rescue Plan. In addition, \$100 million was provided under the CARES Act. We are concerned that more than half of the money provided under the CARES Act remains unspent, while none of the \$1.3 billion provided in December has been spent.

We respectfully request your reply within 14 days of receipt of this letter with answers to the following questions:

- Your administration indicated it will be setting up a universal application portal for all applicants across the state. Is that portal ready? If not, when will it be?
- Will the state be adding additional eligibility criteria to receive funds above what is set by federal law?

As you know, tenants and landlords across New York State have suffered enormous economic hardship during the pandemic. Congress recognizes this reality, and it is why we allocated funds to assist New Yorkers in need. Numerous other states have already distributed this funding. It is imperative these funds reach their intended recipients promptly.

Sincerely,

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Chris Jacobs
Member of Congress

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Claudia Tenney
Member of Congress



Andrew Garbarino
Member of Congress



Lee Zeldin
Member of Congress



Nicole Malliotakis
Member of Congress